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Preparing Readers for Canned Foods Week.

Women readers of the New York American will no doubt be put in a receptive mood for Canned Foods Week by feature articles announced to appear in "The Woman in the House Section" of the American for October 2nd, when Prudence Penny, who conducts the section, will discuss winter foods and the emergency shelf.

Use of Incubators in Canneries.

While the use of incubators in canneries is at present in an experimental stage, they have an undoubted value for certain purposes. Further experiment and experience are necessary to demonstrate the conditions under which they can be advantageously installed and used. If the efficiency of the cook is in doubt, incubation of samples enables the canner to ascertain, within a comparatively short time, whether the product will spoil in storage. It also serves as a check on the operations of the retorts.

No special incubator is made for use in canneries. Most of those now used were built by the canners themselves. In one plant a large chicken incubator is utilized, but it has the disadvantage of accommodating only a limited number of cans.

Successful use of an incubator requires an accurate system of marking samples for incubation so that the lot from which they were taken may be identified, along with a record of the hour at which they were collected and the process given. At least daily examination of samples incubated is necessary to detect spoilage in the form of swells or flat sours.

Rules of Practice before the United States Board of Tax Appeals.

The United States Board of Tax Appeals has just issued rules of practice that will prevail in cases before the Board. These rules cover the following subjects:

a. - Admission to Practice before the United States Board of Tax Appeals.
b. - Initiation of Appeal.

c. - Filing of Petition.

d. - Service on the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

e. - Form and Style of Papers.

The text under the above headings is too long to quote in full herein; however, members will undoubtedly be interested to know that only attorneys of law who are admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, or the highest court of any state or territory, or the District of Columbia, and certified public accountants duly qualified under the law of any state or territory are entitled to practice before the Board.

The Association will be glad to furnish full copy of the rules of practice above mentioned.

Postponement of Marking Regulations.

The Italian Government has postponed until December 31 the requirement for indelible marking of containers of canned fruits and vegetables, according to a cablegram received in the Department of Commerce, July 12, from the Commercial Attaché, H.C.McLean, Rome. These regulations were due to be in force from July 1.

Misrepresentation Charged.

The Federal Trade Commission has issued a complaint against the NuGrape Company. The complaint states that in the marketing of "NuGrape" the firm both in its advertising matter and pictorial representations gives to the general purchasing public the impression that its product is composed in whole or in part of the juice of the grape. The complaint alleges, however, that the company's product is not made from the juice of the grape or of the fruit itself.

Under the law, whenever the Commission has reason to believe that an unfair method of competition has been used against the public interest, it must issue its complaint. However, the question whether or not such method has been used is not passed upon by the Commission finally until after respondents have had thirty days in which to answer and the issue has been tried out.

United States Navy in Market for Canned Beets.

Under Schedule #2488, the Navy is asking for bids on 451,000 lbs. of canned beets, bids to be opened August 10, 1924. Canners interested in the above should apply to the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, United States Navy Department, Washington, D.C., and ask for copies of Schedule #2488.

Crop Estimate for Peas and Snap Beans.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, has released the following:

GREEN PEAS FOR CANNING

Revised acreage, indicated yield and forecast of production for 1924 compared with previously reported acreage, yield and production for 1923.

State	Acreage 1923	Acreage 1924	Yield per acre 1923	Yield per acre Indicated 1924	Production 1923	Production Forecast 1924
	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
California	4,410	5,640	.7	1.2	3,100	6,800
Colorado	3,680	4,820	.5	1.1	1,800	5,300
Delaware	3,880	3,650	.6	1.0	2,300	3,600
Illinois	10,190	11,410	.6	1.1	6,100	12,000
Indiana	4,760	6,290	.8	1.0	3,900	6,200
Maine	340	1,030	1.1	1.2	400	1,200
Maryland	8,050	8,530	.6	1.1	4,800	9,400
Michigan	10,530	12,220	.4	.9	4,200	11,000
Minnesota	2,030	2,700	1.1	1.1	2,200	3,000
New Jersey	610	630	.6	1.1	400	700
New York	33,460	36,350	.9	.9	30,100	32,700
Ohio	5,300	5,830	.9	1.0	4,800	5,800
Pennsylvania	510	540	1.0	1.4	500	800
Utah	7,260	9,360	1.5	2.0	10,900	18,700
Wisconsin	91,160	102,100	.9	1.1	82,000	112,300
Other States	3,140	3,960	.8	.8	2,500	3,200
Total	189,310	214,960	.8	1.1	159,900	233,300

SNAP BEANS FOR CANNING.

Preliminary estimate of acreage, yield and production of Snap Beans for 1924 compared with revised estimate for 1923.

State	Acreage 1923	Acreage 1924	Yield per acre 1923	Yield per acre Indicated 1924	Production 1923	Production Forecast 1924
	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
California	1,060	1,220	3.5	4.8	3,700	5,900
Colorado	750	1,200	3.5	3.4	2,600	4,100
Louisiana	460	370	1.0	2.1	500	800
Maine	460	640	2.0	2.4	900	1,500
Maryland	950	920	2.6	1.8	2,500	1,700
Michigan	1,290	1,990	.8	1.4	1,000	2,800
New York	4,570	5,900	2.0	2.7	9,100	15,900
Oregon	750	1,040	2.5	3.0	1,900	3,100
Pennsylvania	430	430	2.0	2.4	900	1,000
Tennessee	390	670	1.6	2.2	600	1,500
Utah	290	360	2.0	3.2	600	1,200
Washington	280	380	3.3	3.2	900	1,200
Wisconsin	2,830	3,400	2.0	2.4	5,700	8,200
Other States	950	1,520	1.8	2.6	1,700	4,000
Total	15,460	20,040	2.1	2.6	32,600	52,900